

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Sub A² The present invention provides a time-series data display method for displaying time-series data items so that a user can grasp time more intuitively and sensuously, and an information processing system for realizing the display method, wherein first data associated with a desired date is retrieved and displayed, second data associated with a date contiguous to the desired date is retrieved, a display screen for the second data is displayed with a smaller size than a display screen for the first data in a temporal direction starting with the desired date, third data associated with a date contiguous to the date of the second data is retrieved, and the third data is displayed inside the second data with a display area thereof made smaller. The present invention also provides a hierarchical data display method and browser system, wherein a display area is divided into an area, in which data icons representing data items belonging to one level are displayed, and an area in which child levels are displayed. As a hierarchical depth increases, the data icons are made smaller in size and simpler. The hierarchical structure of a file system or data base having a hierarchical structure can be displayed in the form of a Venn diagram, thus making it possible to grasp the whole structure intuitively. Data

- items belonging to child levels are not hidden but displayed in the form of reduced images, whereby intended data can be located effortlessly. A cutout form and image are registered mutually independently.
- 5 An identifier, position, and size of the cutout form are specified as the attributes of the image. Thus, an image can be fetched into album software by performing a simple operation, or a cutout can be changed in size.